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To amend title 32, United States Code, to rename the National Guard Challenge Program and to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under that program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 20, 2004

Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BREAUX, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. RENAMING OF NATIONAL GUARD CHALLENGE**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) RENAMING.—The text of section 509 of title 32,
6 United States Code, is amended by striking “National

1 Guard Challenge Program” each place it appears and in-
 2 serting “National Guard Youth Challenge Program”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) The heading of such section is amended to read as
 5 follows:

6 **“§ 509. National Guard Youth Challenge Program of**
 7 **opportunities for civilian youth”.**

8 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter
 9 5 of such title is amended by striking the item relating
 10 to section 509 and inserting the following new item:

“509. National Guard Youth Challenge Program of opportunities for civilian
 youth.”.

11 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM FEDERAL SHARE OF COST**
 12 **OF STATE PROGRAMS UNDER NATIONAL**
 13 **GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM.**

14 Section 509(d) of title 32, United States Code, is
 15 amended by striking paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4), and
 16 inserting the following new paragraphs:

17 “(1) for fiscal year 2004, 60 percent of the
 18 costs of operating the State program during that
 19 year;

20 “(2) for fiscal year 2005, 65 percent of the
 21 costs of operating the State program during that
 22 year;

1 “(3) for fiscal year 2006, 70 percent of the
2 costs of operating the State program during that
3 year; and

4 “(4) for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent
5 fiscal year, 75 percent of the costs of operating the
6 State program during such year.”.

7 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR NA-**
8 **TIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PRO-**
9 **GRAM.**

10 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Depart-
11 ment of Defense for fiscal year 2005, \$82,593,200 for the
12 National Guard Youth Challenge Program under section
13 509 of title 32, United States Code (as amended by this
14 Act).

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